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McDonogh and his Bequests.
The New York Mail has been delving into the records of the past and raking up the story of Old John McDonogh, the millionaire of New Orleans, who donated millions for the education of the poor in New Orleans and Baltimore. Probably very few of the present generation know of the old gentleman's purposes. Here is an extract from his will:

"The plan which my mind formed (influenced, I trust, by the Divine Spirit), and has pursued for nearly forty years, to accumulate and get together a large estate in lands, lots of ground in and near the city, houses, etc., for the education of the poor, will, in time, I doubt not, yield a revenue sufficient to educate all the poor of the two States of Louisiana and Maryland, and perhaps the poor of many other of the States of our happy Union. To effect and secure that, I have laid its foundations deep and broad in all around the city of New Orleans, in every direction, so that for centuries to come (if managed in wisdom) its revenues must and will go on increasing in amount with the growth and extension of the city (which is destined to be one of the greatest in extent and population the world has ever seen), until its rents will amount to some millions of dollars annually. If, therefore, those who will come after me, and will have the management of his store (which I have striven to amass and pile up), will labor to increase and render it productive with the same fidelity with which I have husbanded it and striven to make it a great one, then, indeed, it will become in time a huge mountain of wealth, and will yield its income to the honor of God and the benefit of generations yet unborn through all ages of the world."

The remainder of the will devoted the income of this vast property to the education of the poor of the two cities named. It has been twenty-three years since McDonogh said farewell to this world, but even at that day he stipulated that there should be no distinction of colors in the schools to be founded by his bequest. And he made it another of the conditions that the Bible should be read every day in these schools. He also enjoined, that singing should be taught, a suggestion incited by the memories of the days when he, a poor boy in Baltimore, was led to the music school of those days by his father.
McDonogh meant well, but he tied up his bequest with such complications that for years it was the subject of legal plunder, and when the estate was rescued from the hands of lawyers and courts it was not worth more than half of the original three millions. The result has been almost a practical negation of his intentions. New Orleans has been cheated out of her share, until it now amounts to less than \$250,000. The Mail asks what Baltimore has done with her share? We believe that there has been a farm school instituted with it somewhere near the city, and that it now educates some dozen or two of boys who are being taught an education and a trade. But there is a singular disproportion between the figures of McDonogh's legacy and the proportions of this school. As in the case of the Peabody bequest, this seems to have unfortunately failed of accomplishing more than a fraction of the object for which it was given.—Baltimore American.

A Floral Love Letter.
A late English paper contains a letter purporting to have been written by a young gardener to a lady whom he loved, and wished to wed. Whether exactly such a letter was actually written and sent by the gardener, I have not the means of knowing, nor is it of much consequence. The letter is an ingenious one, by whatever means it came to see the light. It reads thus:

"My rose, Mary:
As you are the pink of perfection and the blossom of May, I wish to tell you that my heart's ease has been torn up by the roots, and the peas of my heart entirely destroyed since I began to pine after you. Yew will perceive that I am a gardener. My name is William Budd. At first I was poor; but by shooting in the spring, and raising a carnation fast, I obtained a celery, and by a little cabbageing, &c., I rose to be master (though something like a creeper) of the whole garden. I have now the full command of the stocks and the mint; I can raise a one-moone from a pennyroyal to a plum in a box for you. If I may as a coxcomb, speak of myself, I should say that I am the flower of womanhood, that I am neither a standard nor a dwarf, a mush-room nor a May-pole. My nose is of the turnip redish kind, and my locks hang in clusters around my ears. I am often in the company of rakes, and rather fond of vines and shrubs, which my elders reprove me for; as I had better berry all this, and say that I have some London pride, and as I am a branch of a good stock with a pretty bearing, I well know what and where to make my bough. So let me act for ourselves, and fix an early day for grafting your fate with mine. I am certain that we should make a very nice pear and never regret even when we become sage by thyme. You would be the balm of my life, and I would be the balsam of yours, so that the people who would call us green now, would call us evergreen hereafter. And now sweet peas be with you, and if he who tried it takes me from you I shall become a melon culliflower and wither away; my tongue will always be a scarlet runner in your praise; for I have planted my hope in yew, and now I only live for the thyme when I may hear from your own lips that I am your own sweet William and not your weeping will—O"

THE CATAPILLAR PEST.—We have heard many complaints about this pest. In many gardens they are destroying the grapes and other fruits. For the benefit of the afflicted, we publish the following:
Take a common water bucket full of water, make it very strong with common lye soap, take nearly every family has, then add a lump of unsifted lime about as large as a hen's egg and your preparation is complete. Apply with a rag tied on a stick, or a pole long enough to reach all the webs in the tree. Swab the nest well and your work is completed; it is instant death to every caterpillar that is wet with the mixture. One bucket of the mixture will destroy from one to three hundred nests, according to the size and age.

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aug 30—230, S. 15, tw. 2, 13

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aug 25

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BOARDING.

Mrs. J. H. BITZER,

late of Winchester, Va., having taken the large and commodious house No. 68 Prince street, Alexandria, and furnished the same completely, will receive boarders by the month, week or day.

References: Judges Edmund Pendleton and Richard Parker of Winchester, and Messrs. Green and Wise, and H. B. Hoopes, Alexandria.

aug 25—1m

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Frederick county, Va.

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OPENED. Brown and Bleached Sheetings, Pillow Case Cottons, 4-4 Bleached Cottons of different makes, Fancy Prints, Opera Flannels, &c.
WM. N. BERKLEY,
64 King street.
aug 30

FLANNELS, etc.

Just received:

WELSH SHAKER, SILK WARP, BAL-LARD VALE and OPERA FLANNELS.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN WATER-PROOF CLOTHS.

Also a few pieces of handsome INGRAIN CARPETINGS, which I am offering at very low prices. [aug 28] H. B. HOOPES.

HALF HOSE!

Just opened large invoices of Superior English Half Hose of the best grade. Those who wish a good article at a low price should call in and examine them.

CHAS. W. GREEN,
70 King street.

NEW GOODS!

We have just received by the New York steamer a large supply of

DOMESTICS, CARPETINGS AND OIL CLOTHS.

We name in part:

Prints, Bleached Cottons and Sheetings, of desirable makes and widths.

Ginghams, Shirting Stripes,

Denim's Unbleached Cottons and Drills,

Bleached and Brown Canton Flannels,

Wool Flannels, white, red, gray and blue, in twilled and plain; Opera Flannels, many choice colors.

In CARPETINGS, we have Tapistry; Three-Ply; every kind of Ingrain; Stair do.; C. Coa Matings; Oil Cloths in all widths, from 4-8 to 16-4.

We have also a good line of Table Damasks, Napkins, Towelings, &c.

We are now prepared to offer good goods and bargains to our friends and the public generally.

aug 26 D. F. WITMER CO.

NEW GOODS!

Ladies' Hosiery, new style.

Leather Belts, a large supply.

Linen Towels and Toweling.

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Hair Brushes and Combs.

Hosiery for ladies and children.

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Wristbands, new style.

Thread Gloves, all sizes.

Homesteaded Handkerchiefs.

Suspenders, together with a full assortment of goods in our line.

aug 16 R. L. WOOD.

WM. N. BERKLEY has just opened Bleached and Brown Cottons, Striped Shirtings, Cassimeres, Fall Prints, White Flannels, &c., on the best terms.

aug 21

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A very handsome line of VICTORIA LAWN in plain, lace and Persian stripes. These styles are now and very desirable.

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aug 12 J. M. STEWART.

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NEW GOODS.

EXTRA LARGE FANS, 50c.

JAPANESE FANS, 12 to 15c.

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RUCHES, RUFFLES, &c., a fine assortment.

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150 pieces MAGIC RUFFLE, half price.

30 dozen THREAD HAIR PLAITS, very cheap.

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aug 27

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aug 11—3m

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